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VIA U.S. MAIL

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John Formella Office of the Attorney General 33 Capitol Street Concord, NH 03301

Re: Specialized Pediatric Eye Care – Incident Notification

Dear Mr. Formella:

McDonald Hopkins PLC represents Specialized Pediatric Eye Care. I am writing to provide notification of an incident at a third-party vendor, QRS, Inc. ("QRS") that may affect the security of personal information of three (3) New Hampshire residents. Specialized Pediatric Eye Care' investigation is ongoing, and this notification will be supplemented with any new or significant facts or findings subsequent to this submission, if any. By providing this notice, Specialized Pediatric Eye Care do not waive any rights or defenses regarding the applicability of New Hampshire law or personal jurisdiction.

QRS provides Specialized Pediatric Eye Care with an electronic patient portal. Specialized Pediatric Eye Care was recently informed by QRS that they had experienced a cyberattack and that an unauthorized individual may have accessed one QRS dedicated patient portal server. QRS initially indicated to Specialized Pediatric Eye Care that it became aware of a potential security incident beginning on August 26, 2021 but that it had not determined if any personal information was impacted. QRS stated that upon discovery of the incident they immediately took the server offline, began an investigation, and notified law enforcement. QRS also engaged a forensic security firm to confirm the security of its network, analyze the incident, and determine the extent of the personal information that may have been accessed or acquired by the third party. On or about October 1, 2021, QRS' investigation determined that between August 23, 2021 and August 26, 2021 the attacker accessed the single server and that Specialized Pediatric Eye Care patients' personal information was potentially acquired. The files on the server contained the residents' personal information, including their name and Social Security number.

To date, QRS and Specialized Pediatric Eye Care are not aware of any reports of identity fraud as a direct result of this incident. Nevertheless, out of an abundance of caution, Specialized Pediatric Eye Care is informing you (and the affected residents) of the incident and to explain the

steps being taken to help safeguard affected residents. QRS began providing the affected residents with written notification of this incident commencing on or about October 22, 2021, in substantially the same form as the letter attached hereto. QRS is advising the affected residents about the process for placing a fraud alert and/or security freeze on their credit files and obtaining a free credit report. QRS has advised the residents to remain vigilant in reviewing financial account statements for fraudulent or irregular activity. QRS has also offered the residents a complimentary one-year membership with a credit monitoring and identity theft restoration service and is providing dedicated call center support to answer questions.

At Specialized Pediatric Eye Care protecting the privacy of personal information is a top priority. Specialized Pediatric Eye Care is committed to maintaining the privacy of personal information in its possession and has taken many precautions to safeguard it. In connection with this incident, Specialized Pediatric Eye Care verified with QRS that it had taken significant steps to remove the intruder from its systems and prevent further compromise. Specialized Pediatric Eye Care continually evaluates and modifies its practices and internal controls to enhance the security and privacy of personal information.

Should you have any questions regarding this notification, please contact me at (248)-220-1354 or jgiszczak@mcdonaldhopkins.com.

Sincerely,

James J. Giszczak

Encl.





RE: NOTICE OF DATA BREACH
Dear :
QRS, Inc. ("QRS") hosts the electronic patient portal for information seriously and is writing to inform you about a recent incident that involved some of your personal information.
What Happened? On August 26, 2021, QRS discovered that an unknown, unauthorized third party accessed a QRS server associated with our patient portal and may have acquired certain protected health information ("PHI") stored in the server. Upon discovering the incident, we immediately took the server offline and began an investigation. We also engaged a forensic security firm to confirm the security of our network, analyze the incident, and determine the extent of the PHI that may have been accessed or acquired by the third party. Our investigation has determined that the third party accessed the server from August 23, 2021 to August 26, 2021. During this time, the third party accessed, and may have acquired, files in the server that contained your PHI. This incident did not involve any other QRS or systems. We provided an initial notification of the incident to a september 7, 2021. Following additional investigation, we provided further notification of the incident to an on or about October 1, 2021. We have since been working with
What Information Was Involved? Our investigation determined that the incident involved unauthorized access, and potentially unauthorized accursition, of your personal information, including your name, The accessed or acquired information may have also contained an address and limited medical treatment or diagnosis information if it was uploaded to the QRS portal. At this time, we are not aware of any identity theft or fraud to any person as a result of this incident.
What We Are Doing. Data security is one of our highest priorities. As discussed above, upon discovering the incident, we

mediately took the server offline, began an investigation, and engaged a forensic security firm to confirm the security of our network. We will keep this particular server offline permanently. We have taken steps to further secure our network and reduce the risk of a similar incident occurring in the future, including implementing multifactor authentication on core QRS systems for key administrators and implementing a Security Information and Event Management System (SIEM). QRS is also reviewing and updating its information security policies.

What You Can Do. Although we are not aware of any instances of fraud or identity theft involving your information, on behalf of we are offering a complimentary one-year membership of Experian IdentityWorks M Credit 3B. This product helps detect possible misuse of your personal information and provides you with identity protection services focused on immediate identification and resolution of identity theft. IdentityWorks Credit 3B is completely free to you, and enrolling in this program will not hurt your credit score. For more information on identity theft prevention and IdentityWorks Credit 3B, including instructions on how to activate your complimentary one-year membership, please see the additional information provided in this letter.

Other Important Information. You can find more information on steps to protect yourself against identity theft or fraud in the enclosed Additional Important Information sheet.

For More Information. We value the trust placed in us to protect your privacy, take our responsibility to safeguard your personal information seriously, and apologize for any inconvenience or concern this incident might cause. For further information and assistance, please call 855-675-3080 from 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday. This toll-free number is provided on behalf of

Sincerely,

QRS, Inc.

ACTIVATING YOUR COMPLIMENTARY CREDIT MONITORING

To help protect your identity, we are offering a **complimentary** one-year membership of Experian IdentityWorksSM Credit 3B. This product helps detect possible misuse of your personal information and provides you with superior identity protection support focused on immediate identification and resolution of identity theft.

Activate IdentityWorks Credit 3B Now in Three Easy Steps

1. ENROLL by: (Your code will not work after this date.)

2. VISIT the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll: https://www.experianidworks.com/3bcredit

3. PROVIDE the Activation Code:

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with identity restoration or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian Identity Works online, please contact Experian's customer care team at 877-288-8057. Be prepared to provide engagement number as proof of eligibility for the identity restoration services by Experian.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR 12-MONTH EXPERIAN IDENTITYWORKS CREDIT 3B MEMBERSHIP:

A credit card is **not** required for enrollment in Experian IdentityWorks Credit 3B.

You can contact Experian **immediately** regarding any fraud issues, and have access to the following features once you enroll in Experian Identity Works:

Experian credit report at signup: See what information is associated with your credit file. Daily credit reports are available for online members only.*

Credit Monitoring: Actively monitors Experian, Equifax and Transunion files for indicators of fraud.

• Identity Restoration: Identity Restoration specialists are immediately available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.

Experian Identity Works Extend CARETM: You receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after your Experian Identity Works membership has expired.

Up to \$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance*: Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

Activate your membership today at https://www.experianidworks.com/3bcredit or call 877-288-8057 to register with the activation code above.

What you can do to protect your information: There are additional actions you can consider taking to reduce the chances of identity theft or fraud on your account(s). Please refer to www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration for this information. If you have any questions about IdentityWorks, need help understanding something on your credit report or suspect that an item on your credit report may be fraudulent, please contact Experian's customer care team at 877-288-8057.

Additional Important Information

As a precautionary measure, we recommend that you remain vigilant to protect against potential fraud and/or identity theft by, among other things, reviewing your account statements and monitoring credit reports closely. If you detect any suspicious activity on an account, you should promptly notify the financial institution or company with which the account is maintained. You should also promptly report any fraudulent activity or any suspected incidents of identity theft to proper law enforcement authorities, including the police and your state's attorney general, as well as the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC").

You may wish to review the tips provided by the FTC on fraud alerts, security/credit freezes and steps you can take to avoid identity theft. For more information and to contact the FTC, please visit www.ftc.gov/idtheft or call 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338). You may also contact the FTC at Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580.

<u>Credit Reports</u>: You may obtain a free copy of your credit report once every 12 months from each of the three national credit reporting agencies by visiting www.annualcreditreport.com, by calling toll-free 1-877-322-8228, or by completing an Annual Credit Report Request Form and mailing it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348. You can print a copy of the request form at https://www.annualcreditreport.com/manualRequestForm.action.

Alternatively, you may elect to purchase a copy of your credit report by contacting one of the three national credit reporting agencies. Contact information for the three national credit reporting agencies for the purpose of requesting a copy of your credit report or for general inquiries is as follows:

Offline members will be eligible to call for additional reports quarterly after enrolling.

^{**} The Identity Theft Insurance is underwritten and administered by American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida, an Assurant company. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.

Equifax 1-866-349-5191 www.equifax.com P.O. Box 740241 Atlanta, GA 30374 Experian 1-888-397-3742 www.experian.com P.O. Box 2002 Allen, TX 75013 TransUnion 1-800-888-4213 www.transunion.com P.O. Box 2000 Chester, PA 19016

Fraud Alerts: You may want to consider placing a fraud alert on your credit report. A fraud alert is free and will stay on your credit report for one (1) year. The alert informs creditors of possible fraudulent activity within your report and requests that the creditor contact you prior to establishing any new accounts in your name. To place a fraud alert on your credit report, contact any of the three national credit reporting agencies using the contact information listed above. Additional information is available at www.annualcreditreport.com.

Credit and Security Freezes: You may have the right to place a credit freeze, also known as a security freeze, on your credit file, so that no new credit can be opened in your name without the use of a PIN number that is issued to you when you initiate the freeze. A credit freeze can be placed without any charge and is designed to prevent potential credit grantors from accessing your credit report without your consent. If you place a credit freeze, potential creditors and other third parties will not be able to get access to your credit report unless you temporarily lift the freeze. Therefore, using a credit freeze may delay your ability to obtain credit. Unlike a fraud alert, you must separately place a credit freeze on your credit file at each credit reporting company. Since the instructions for how to establish a credit freeze differ from state to state, please contact the three major credit reporting companies as specified below to find out more information:

Equifax Security Freeze 1-888-298-0045 www.equifax.com P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348 Experian Security Freeze 1-888-397-3742 www.experian.com P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 TransUnion Security Freeze 1-888-909-8872 www.transunion.com P.O. Box 160 Woodlyn, PA 19094

This notification was not delayed by law enforcement.

Individuals interacting with credit reporting agencies have rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act. We encourage you to review your rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act by visiting https://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/documents/bcfp_consumer-rights-summary_2018-09.pdf, or by requesting information in writing from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street N.W., Washington, DC 20552.

<u>Iowa Residents</u>: Iowa residents can contact the Office of the Attorney general to obtain information about steps to take to avoid identity theft from the Iowa Attorney General's office at: Office of the Attorney General of Iowa, Hoover State Office Building, 1305 E. Walnut Street, Des Moines IA 50319, 515-281-5164.

Maryland Residents: Maryland residents can contact the Office of the Attorney General to obtain information about steps you can take to avoid identity theft from the Maryland Attorney General's office at: Office of the Attorney General, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202, (888) 743-0023, http://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/.

<u>New York State Residents</u>: New York residents can obtain information about preventing identity theft from the New York Attorney General's Office at: Office of the Attorney General for the State of New York, Bureau of Consumer Frauds & Protection, The Capitol, Albany, New York 12224-0341; https://ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds/identity-theft; (800) 771-7755.

North Carolina Residents: North Carolina residents can obtain information about preventing identity theft from the North Carolina Attorney General's Office at: North Carolina Attorney General's Office, Consumer Protection Division, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001; 877-5-NO-SCAM (Toll-free within North Carolina); 919-716-6000; www.ncdoj.gov.

Rhode Island Residents: We believe that this incident affected 30 Rhode Island residents. Rhode Island residents can contact the Office of the Attorney general at: Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General, 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903, (401) 274-4400, www.riag.ri.gov. You have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident. If you are the victim of identity theft, you also have the right to file a police report and obtain a copy of it.

<u>Vermont Residents:</u> If you do not have internet access but would like to learn more about how to place a security freeze on your credit report, contact the Vermont Attorney General's Office at 802-656-3183 (800-649-2424 toll free in Vermont only).